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Senator Kent Williams and Karen Iacovelli newest members of the EOC

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Columbia – Senator Kent Williams of Marion and Karen Iacovelli, of Fountain Inn, have recently been appointed to serve as members of the South Carolina Education Oversight Committee (EOC).

Senator Williams' appointment by Senator Hugh Leatherman, in the coterminous seat reserved for the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee or his designee, begins immediately.

Senator Williams, who has just completed his first term in the Senate representing Dillon, Florence, Marion, and Marlboro counties, is grateful for the opportunity to serve on the EOC.

"The EOC is a very important committee, in terms of providing the best education possible for our children," Williams said. I am grateful to have the opportunity to serve with the members of this committee, promoting quality education for all of the students in the state," Williams said.

Senator Williams is a graduate of S.C. State University and Florence Darlington Technical College. He is a Deputy County Administrator in Marion County. He currently serves on the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, Corrections and Penology Committee, General Committee, and the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Karen Iacovelli is a Director of Dispoz-o Products, Inc., in Fountain Inn, S.C., and the Philadelphia Trust Company. She also serves on Furman University's Advisory Council and as Executive Director of the Peter and Karen Iacovelli Foundation.

Ms. Iacovelli was appointed by Governor Mark Sanford as his business representative to the committee. She fills the unexpired term of Larry Wilson, who resigned in July 2005.

Ms. Iacovelli was educated at the University of Illinois, Northwestern, and Harvard University. She is the publisher of *Crisis in Education* and is the author of numerous articles on education choice and parental rights.

“South Carolina has long been overlooked as a state where pacesetting innovation in education is possible,” Iacovelli stated. “It is time to put aside politics and special interests and focus instead upon education systems that deliver the best possible, cost-effective education opportunities to a complex student population. I am eager to work with forward-looking members of the committee to achieve these goals,” she said.

The EOC is an independent, non-partisan group made up of 18 educators, business persons, and elected officials who are appointed by the legislature and governor to monitor and review the implementation of the 1998 South Carolina Education Accountability Act, the Education Improvement Act, and the K-12 system.

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